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Re: T. ONO, et al. – U.S. Application No. 10/671,608
Atty. Docket No. 520.38979CX1

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(2 PG.); AMENDMENT (13 PP.)**

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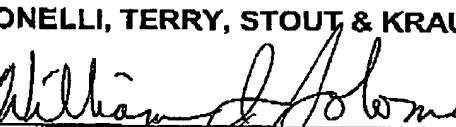
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In response to the Office Action mailed November 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.

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